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Applicants : Shin ISHIBASHI et al

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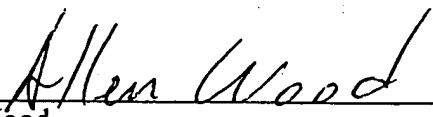
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of December 23, 1999, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on February 23, 2000.

In response to the requirement in the Office Action, the original document of U.S. Letters Patent 5,596,663 is attached hereto for surrender. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.172(a) and 3.73(b), the undersigned, assignee of the entire interest in United States Patent No. 5,596,663, hereby assents to the above-identified reissue application.

Ownership of said Patent No. 5,596,663 is established by an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 12, 1995 at Reel 7311, Frame 0748.

Respectfully submitted,
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